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Louisiana Catfish Growers Survey

Louisiana's commercial catfish growers had sales of 6.0 million dollars during 2010, down 29 percent from the previous year. Water surface acres totaled 1,500, of which 1,400 were being used for foodsize fish.

United States Catfish Growers Survey

Catfish growers in the United States had sales of 403 million dollars during 2010, up eight percent from 373 million dollars the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas) accounted for 94 percent of the United States total sales. The United States total foodsize sales of 375 million dollars increased by seven percent over 2009. Fingerling and fry sales totaled 13.3 million dollars, up three percent from

2009. Sales of stockers totaled 13.8 million dollars in 2010, compared to 7.5 million dollars in 2009.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 95 percent of total foodsize fish sales compared with 94 percent from the previous year. Direct sales to other producers accounted for 83 percent of stocker sales compared with 87 percent in 2009.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2011, totaled 99.6 thousand acres, down 13 percent from the 115 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 3.2 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2011. An additional 125 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2011. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2010, the area taken out of production totaled 10.3 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2011, foodsize fish were produced on 80.8 thousand acres, fingerling-producing acres totaled 13.3 thousand, and 2.2 thousand acres were being used for broodfish production.

Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surface and Total Sales

Selected States	Operations		Water Surface		Total Sales – All Sizes	
	January 1 2010	January 1 2011	January 1 2010	January 1 2011	During 2009 ¹	During 2010
	-----Number-----		-----Acres-----		-----1,000 dollars-----	
Alabama	2/	2/	19,800	19,200	90,688	107,459
Arkansas	2/	2/	19,200	13,200	44,914	40,777
California	2/	2/	1,800	1,700	8,074	6,887
Louisiana	2/	2/	1,800	1,500	8,395	5,994
Mississippi	2/	2/	64,000	55,500	196,787	217,774
North Carolina	2/	2/	1,900	1,900	5,495	5,273
Texas	2/	2/	2,900	2,900	12,644	13,023
Other States	2/	2/	3,700	3,700	5,570	5,397
United States	994	909	115,100	99,600	372,567	402,584

¹ Revised

² State level number of operations will only be published every five years in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture.

Pecan: Production, Price and Value of Production

State	All Pecan Production			Utilized Production for 2010 Crops		2010	2010
	Final 2008	Final 2009	Ind 2010	Improved	Native & Seedling	Average Price per Pound, all Pecans	Value of Production
	-----1,000 Pounds-----			-----1,000 Pounds-----		-----Dollars-----	-1,000 Dollars-
Alabama	8,000	14,000	7,000	6,000	1,000	1.610	11,240
Arizona	17,500	20,000	19,000	19,000	---	2.800	53,200
Arkansas	1,500	2,500	1,000	290	710	1.730	1,730
California	3,750	3,920	4,030	4,030	---	1.560	6,287
Florida	1,700	3,100	2,230	1,500	730	1.730	3,868
Georgia	78,000	100,000	65,000	62,000	3,000	2.040	132,690
Kansas	1,900	1,000	3,000	---	3,000	1.750	5,250
Louisiana	5,000	9,000	8,000	1,500	6,500	1.430	11,450
Mississippi	1,500	3,000	1,500	1,100	400	1.480	2,220
Missouri	1,130	2,000	700	160	540	1.600	1,122
New Mexico	43,000	68,000	56,000	56,000	---	2.800	156,800
North Carolina	700	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
Oklahoma	5,000	13,500	20,000	6,000	14,000	1.580	31,600
South Carolina	3,400	2,000	2,200	1,600	600	2.050	4,510
Texas	30,000	60,000	70,000	50,000	20,000	1.920	134,200
United States	202,080	302,020	259,660	209,180	50,480	2.140	556,167

¹ Estimates discontinued in 2009.

U.S. Pecan Production

The January end-of-season estimate for the 2010 U.S. pecan crop is 261 million pounds, down 14 percent from the 2009 crop. Improved varieties are expected to account for 209 million pounds of the total while native and seedling varieties account for the difference. The 2010 average U.S. all pecan price is \$2.14 per pound (in-shell basis), up from 2009's average of \$1.43. Total value of utilized production is 556 million dollars, up 29 percent from last season. Louisiana pecan production is estimated at 8.0 million pounds, compared to 9.0 million pounds produced in 2009.

Louisiana: Season Average Price and Value of Production¹

Crop	Unit	Price Per Unit		Value of Production	
		2009	2010	2009	2010
		-----Dollars-----		-----1,000 Dollars-----	
Corn, Grain	bushel	3.55	4.40	285,846	308,000
Cotton Lint, All	pound	.628	.810 ²	105,203	174,960 ²
Cottonseed	ton	151.00	168.00	16,308	24,024
Hay, All (baled)	ton	102.00	95.00	108,528	119,700
Rice, All	cwt	13.00	11.90	379,821	388,238
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	5.70	7.20	17,013	29,877
Soybeans	bushel	9.66	10.90	354,136	455,838
Sugarcane, All	ton	31.30	3/	428,340	3/
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	18.10	19.40	29,322	47,918
Wheat, Winter	bushel	4.70	4.80	46,060	26,400
TOTAL FIELD & MISC. CROPS				1,770,577	1,956,189
TOTAL FRUITS & NUTS				8,125	11,450
TOTAL COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES				---	---
TOTAL VALUE PRINCIPAL CROPS				1,778,702	1,967,639

United States: Season Average Price and Value of Production¹

Crop	Unit	Price Per Unit		Value of Production	
		2009	2010	2009	2010
		-----Dollars-----		-----1,000 Dollars-----	
Corn, Grain	bushel	3.55	5.40	46,734,066	66,650,160
Cotton Lint, All	pound	.648	.832 ²	3,787,971	7,317,704 ²
Cottonseed	ton	158.00	161.00	670,027	1,003,861
Hay, All (baled)	ton	108.00	112.00	14,715,559	14,401,284
Rice, All	cwt	14.40	12.40	3,209,236	3,074,990
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	5.75	9.80	1,207,111	1,743,035
Soybeans	bushel	9.59	11.70	32,145,207	38,915,328
Sugarcane, All	ton	34.80	3/	1,056,613	3/
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	21.80	20.10	423,677	478,308
Wheat, All	bushel	4.87	5.70	10,654,115	12,992,156
Wheat, Winter	bushel	4.71	5.55	7,081,778	8,223,804

¹ 2010 crops are preliminary. Marketing year average prices do not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the CCC, crop deficiency payments or disaster payments. U.S. monthly prices, for all crops in the monthly price estimating program, are computed by weighting monthly state prices by monthly marketing for each state.

² Based on marketings and monthly prices received from August 1, 2010– December 31, 2010.

³ Available July 29, 2011, in the “Agricultural Prices” report.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, United States, January 1, 2010-2011¹

Class	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	----1,000 Head----	----1,000 Head---	Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	5,620	5,530	98
Market	1,435	1,415	99
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,185	4,115	98
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	655	670	102
Ewes – One Year Old and Older	3,335	3,255	98
Rams – One Year Old and Older	195	190	97
Lamb Crop	3,600	---	---

¹ May not add due to rounding.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2011, totaled 5.5 million head, down two percent from 2010.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.1 million head on January 1, 2011, down two percent from 4.2 million head on January 1, 2010. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.3 million head, were two percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2011, totaled 1.4 million head, down one percent from January 1, 2010. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 21 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 34 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining six percent of total marketings.

The 2010 lamb crop of 3.6 million head, was down two percent from 2009. The 2010 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2010, unchanged from 2009.

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